

Serwell Terrace  
Kiddermunster  
Aug<sup>1</sup> 10 1873

To Ex Camp C C W Griffiths

Dear Bro & M E Camp<sup>r</sup>

Many thanks for your  
kind invitation which I will  
avail myself of 'Sund' -  
Now for the second subject of your  
note - I have now before me a  
book of "Rules & Orders" which are to  
be punctually observed & kept &c  
of Lodge No 170 held at the Raven  
Linn Night Street Kiddermunster  
and signed. London 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1772.

By Order Wm Dickey Jr Sec<sup>r</sup>

These Rules & Orders are Printed, and  
besides have several written Laws,  
also the names of members and  
cash accounts up to Dec<sup>r</sup> 27 1815.  
among the members are the names  
of the ancestors of well known

families in Kidd<sup>r</sup> and even of some  
of our present members.

Then at one time there was a Lodge  
called the Faithful, this I think  
must have been an offshoot of the  
Raven Lodge, I fear I have no means  
of finding out the number, as there  
is not a creature living now of its  
members, a brother Price who was  
a W.M. died some time ago at  
Worcester. The late brother Hunt  
once gave me one of their firing  
shaves, but unfortunately it got  
broken, and unless his Widow has  
another left I fear I cannot  
trace it, but I have an idea that  
Bros Price & Hunt told me it was  
removed to Birmingham, I have  
been over lately but was not able  
to see the Warrant, but in the  
list of Lodges in Birr<sup>y</sup> & Lez<sup>g</sup> give  
the date 1841. if it is the Lodge which  
was held here it must be much older.  
Then comes Hope & Charity established in  
1824, so you see we have had Masonry  
here, unbroken, I may say for a



hundred years. according to an old  
list of Lodges which I have there was  
a Lodge at the Salbot Stourbridge  
No 62 established Aug<sup>5</sup>/<sub>1</sub><sup>st</sup> 1733 this  
is the earliest Worcestershire Lodge.  
The Book I get this information  
from was Published 1766. with  
a list of 375 Lodges. Hoping this  
may interest you

I remain

Y<sup>r</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> Mr. Lombe

Yours v<sup>r</sup> truly & fraternally

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